

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, claims 22-46 were pending. Claims 22-24 and 26-28 stand rejected. Claims 30-46 were allowed, and claims 25 and 29 were indicated to include allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. In this response, claim 22 is cancelled, and claims 23-24, 26-27 and 29 have been amended. Entry of this amendment, and reconsideration of the present application as amended and including claims 23-46, is respectfully requested.

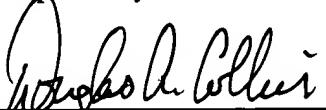
Claim 23 has been cancelled without prejudice to pursuit in a continuing application, and without acquiescence in any of the rejections made thereof. Claim 22 has been cancelled to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Claim 29 has been rewritten to incorporate claim 22 therein and place claim 29 in independent form. The amendments to claim 29 are not presented for reasons related to patentability, but rather to put claim 29 in independent form. Claim 29 is allowable as indicated in the office action.

Claims 23, 25, 26 and 27 have been amended to depend from now independent claim 29.

In view of the amendments and remarks in the previous office action response and above, claims 23-46 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should it facilitate allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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